

I strongly oppose the issue of removing the morse code prficiency requirement as part of the Amateur RAdio licensing process.

Elimination of the Morse Code requirement will tend to flood the allocated spectrum with unskilled radio operators. It will lead to the gradual elimination of a critical skill necessary for the greatest flexibility of radio communications.

Morse code is the most reliable method of communications under the most severe of conditions. In times of national emergency, this mode of communications has been and will be a matter of life and death.